

BETTIS GENEALOGY
APP. MSS #2
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INTRODUCTION: Dr. Bettis was a former faculty member at Carson-Newman who had done extensive genealogical research on his family.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 6 notebooks and 1 bound photocopied volume.

HISTORICAL / BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: Dr. Nat C. Bettis, Jr. was born October 25, 1919 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Ordained December 14, 1941, he was a Southern Baptist preacher, Collegiate Higher Education Teacher of Biblical Studies and administrator. He served more than fifty churches as interim pastor in four states. He taught at the University of Corpus Christi, Texas (1950-61), Carson-Newman College (1961-74), and Oklahoma Baptist University (1974-1986). After his retirement he served as adjunct professor at Howard Payne University and Baylor University.

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1822-1995

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTES: Volumes 1-4 (*What I've Learned About the Ancestry and Descendants of Alford and Margaret Conyers Bettis* by Nat C. Bettis, Jr.) are "[b]asically ... portraits of the descendants of Alford and Margaret Conyers Bettis from their marriage in Wilson County, Lebanon, TN 5 March 1822 ... Information concerning their descendants has been collected, preserved, assimilated and integrated seemingly as much as humanly possible, from as many sources as available since 1940." (From Volume 1 Preface). Volume 5 is a photocopy of *The Betts of Wortham in Suffolk 1480-1905* by Katharine Frances Doughty (1912). Volume 6 is a photocopy of an unpublished work entitled *The Bettis England to America* by Adele Cobb Kerrigan (1957). Volume 7 is a bound photocopy of a *Brief Sketch of the Life and Labors of Rev. Alexander Bettis Also an Account of the Founding and Development of The Bettis Academy* by Alfred W. Nicholson (1913).

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

- Genealogy
- Manuscripts
- Monographs

CONTAINER LISTS:

VOLUME 1 (Pages 1-156)

What I've Learned About the Ancestry and Descendants of Alford and Margaret Conyers Bettis by Nat C. Bettis, Jr.

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